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OFFICIAL REPORTS



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STATE MEETINGS

THE International Council of Nurses is planning an informal conference to take place in Paris, in June, 1907. As this meeting will be half way between the regular quinquennial periods no business will be transacted, but papers will be read and discussions held, and mutual acquaintance furthered. All nurses in sympathy with the aims of the Council will be welcome, and it is hoped that many will plan to take their vacation at this time.

LAVINIA L. DOCK,

Secretary.

WASHINGTON.—A meeting was held at Spokane, Wash., November 7, for the purpose of completing the formation of a State Nurses' Association. The usual business was considered and officers elected as follows: Miss Laura Goodman, Spokane, president; Miss May Loomis, Seattle, first vice-president; Miss Hankey, Tacoma, second vice-president; Miss Scharley Wright, Seattle, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Schofield, Spokane, recording secretary; Miss Hubbard, Spokane, treasurer. A committee of nine members, three from Spokane, two from Seattle, two from Tacoma and two from Bellingham is to be appointed by the president to draft a constitution and by-laws. The first annual meeting will be held some time in the spring of 1906, when a bill for State registration will be discussed.

SEATTLE, WASH.—The King County Graduate Nurses' Association held their annual meeting at 3 P. M., November 6, at the Seattle General Hospital. The principal business of the day was the election of officers. Miss May S. Loomis, was re-elected president; Miss Cora Gillispie, re-elected vice-president; Miss Katherine Archibald, secretary; Mrs. Annie Green, re-elected treasurer; Miss Katherine Major chairman board of trustees. Miss Scharley Wright was sent to Spokane as a delegate to a meeting called to perfect a Washington State Association. The matter of starting a Nurses' Club in Seattle was brought up, discussed and left to be worked up during the month. Thus the Association starts its fourth year with higher aims and desires, and we hope, better organized for the work of the future.

DETROIT, MICH.—A special meeting of the Executive Board of the Michigan State Nurses' Association was held at Swain Home, Harper Hospital, Detroit, November 16, for the purpose of arranging a program for the second annual State meeting to be held in Ann Arbor, April 4-5-6, 1906.

Among the many interesting topics under discussion was the bill for state Registration of Nurses and renewed efforts are being made along this line. Twenty-seven members were admitted to the Association, making a total membership of 296.

KATHERINE M. GIFFORD,

Corresponding Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.—A public meeting of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association was held in Dean Hall, Woman's Building, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Thursday, November 16, 1905. It was a large and enthusiastic gathering—the different sections of the State being very well represented—Miss Riddle presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Hitchcock. Dr. L. Wheeler gave us a cordial and hearty welcome, to which Miss Riddle responded. Miss Drown, our historian, gave an encouraging report, saying among other things, that registration is a means to an end, and, if we do get registration, we may attain our object in some other way. In answer to the question, "What does registration for nurses mean?" Miss Davis said that whatever doctors, dentists, pharmacists or plumbers mean by registration, we mean; that it will give nurses a legal status and set a standard of excellence and nursing education, and prevent the untrained from palming themselves upon the public as duly qualified graduate nurses. The Hon. Herbert Parker, Attorney General of Massachusetts, gave an address in which he spoke of the importance of the work that is being done by nurses, and of the recognition such service should receive. He heartily favors registration. The Hon. Rockwood Hoar, Congressman, in his address, spoke of the desirability of maintaining a high standard, and of the wrong done when an incompetent nurse goes into a family. He thinks the examining board should consist of doctors as well as nurses, and advises that nurses be required to take an examination every five years in order to keep them up to the standard. In the discussion which followed, Dr. L. Wheeler asked some questions about the training of nurses, which were answered by Miss Riddle and Miss Davis. Dr. Getchell, of the Rutland Sanitarium, spoke of the work of that institution. Mr. Ware, one of the trustees of the Burbank Hospital, Fitchburg, thought the examining board should consist of nurses, and that arbitrary rules were necessary. Dr. Howell, superintendent of the Worcester City Hospital, favored registration and an examining board of nurses, but did not approve of periodical examinations; said they were not required by any other profession. Dr. Lobey, of the Clinton Hospital, spoke very briefly. Dr. Bowers, a member of the state board of registration in medicine, favored registration, but did not think nurses should be required to take two years of their training in hospitals; said we were not to be afraid of the standards in other states, that reciprocity was not an unmixed good. He also said that the state board of registration in medicine is against having doctors on the examining board for nurses. Mr. Denny, a member of the legislature, approved of periodical examinations. Mr. Lytle, a member of the Governor's Council, thought registration a move in the right direction; said section iii. of the bill (requiring two years in hospitals) was all right, the standard should be high. Dr. Thompson, of Fitchburg, a member of the state board of registration in medicine, spoke of the New England Association for the Education of Nurses, and said three-fourths of the members are in favor of registration. After a unanimous vote of thanks had been given to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting Miss E. D. Ayers, chairman of the committee on arrangements, announced that refreshments would be served in an adjoining room, and the meeting was adjourned.

ESTHER DART,

Secretary.

PUEBLO, COL.—The Committee having the drafting of a Constitution and By-laws of an association for this place is ready to report.

NEW JERSEY.—The Fourth Annual Meeting of the N. J. S. N. Asso. was held at the Hasbrouck Institute, Jersey City, on Tuesday, December 5, at 2.30. Very widespread disappointment was felt when the President, Miss Bertha J. Gardner, announced the unavoidable absence of Miss Goodrich, of the New York Hospital, who had promised to address the meeting. As it was too late to fill her place, the business of the day followed in the usual routine. During the summer a canvass had been made of 30 hospitals in New Jersey, with a view to gain information as to the curriculum most usually followed, and a report was read as to the result. An interesting paper was read by Miss Margaret Anderson, Head Worker of the Nurses' Settlement in Orange, on the work of that institution, and on the work of the Anti-Tuberculosis Committee by the nurse in charge, Miss Julia Bronis.

The election of officers was as follows: President, Mrs. d'Arcy Stephens, 475 Main Street, Orange; first vice-president, Miss Mary F. Mason, City Hospital, Newark; second vice-president, Miss Laura McHale, St. James' Hospital, Newark; secretary, Miss Emma Young, 103 Spruce Street, Newark; treasurer, Miss Catharine Neafsy, 22 Thomas Street, Newark. Chairmen of Committees: Ways and Means, Miss Irene Fallon; membership, Miss Isabel Macdonald, 711 E. 18th Street, Paterson; printing, Miss Bertha J. Gardner, 520 Clinton Street, Newark; nomination, Miss Mary G. Rockhill, 536 Stevens Street, Camden.

REGULAR MEETINGS

ORANGE, N. J.—The annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Orange Training School for Nurses was held at the Visiting Nurses' Settlement. Nine new names were accepted for membership. A letter was read from Miss Margaret Pierson, the president of the Training School, urging the graduates to use their influence for desirable young women to enter the school for the training, for with the enlargement of the hospital, the opportunities for a more extended training would be greatly increased.

A letter was read from the secretary of the Anti-Tuberculosis movement of the Oranges thanking the Alumnae for their part in the support of the graduate nurse for the work. It was decided that the Alumnae give a Reception and Tea as usual to the graduating class, the time and place to be decided upon by the committee appointed. A committee of two were appointed to ascertain the cost and requirements for the endowment of a bed in the Orange Memorial Hospital for its graduate nurses, and report at the next regular meeting.

The report of the money collected for the support of the Nurse in the Anti-Tubercular work was very pleasing, sufficient for the year's work being pledged.

After the election of officers for the coming year the meeting adjourned and refreshments were served.

HARTFORD, CONN.—The quarterly meeting of the Hartford Hospital Alumnae Training School Association was held at the Nurses' Home, 37 Jefferson Street, December 5th, at three P. M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted, and a revision of the constitution and by-laws was read and discussed.

Twenty five dollars was voted to buy stock in the American Journal of Nursing.

After the meeting Miss Sutherland, Superintendent of Nurses, invited the members of the Alumnae Association to a tea with her in her rooms at the Nurses' Home. A very pleasant hour was spent there, and a vote of thanks tendered to Miss Sutherland for her hospitality.

NEW HAVEN.—The Graduate and Under Graduate Nurses of New Haven held a fair in Harmony hall, November 1st and 2nd, for the purpose of raising a fund to establish a home for nurses who are unable to work. The idea originated with the Alumnae Association of the Connecticut Training School, but it was decided to admit all graduate nurses residing in the City of New Haven to the benefits of the fund.

The fair was conducted by the Alumnae Association of both training schools, the Connecticut Training School and the Grace Hospital, assisted by the many graduate nurses of other schools residing in New Haven. The hall was tastefully decorated and the booths attended by the nurses in uniform very attractive. Eighteen hundred dollars was raised for the fund.

BALTIMORE, MD.—The Nurses' Alumnae Association of the University of Maryland held its last meeting for 1905 in the Assembly Hall of the University Hospital, December 4th. The meeting was of more than usual interest and importance, and was well attended. Reports for the year were submitted. Twelve new members, the class of 1905, have been admitted during the year. The election of officers for 1906 was held, the result being as follows: President, Miss M. E. Rolph; 1st Vice-President, Miss E. B. Gray; 2nd Vice-president, Miss W. H. Cooke; Secretary, Miss M. S. Brown; Treasurer, Mrs. Nathan Winslow; 1st member Executive Committee, Miss M. E. Bradbury; 2nd member, Miss S. Ravenel.

DENVER, COL.—The Trained Nurses' Association held its monthly meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Building on December 4th. The Association decided to affiliate with the Woman's Auxiliary of the Juvenile Improvement Association, which was organized to aid in the work of the Juvenile Court of this place. Dr. H. T. Pershing gave an interesting lecture on the "Care of nervous cases."

The State Board of Nurse Examiners held a special meeting in the State Capitol on December 9th, when a number of applications for registration were passed upon.

The Visiting Nurse Association has appointed a Tuberculosis Committee and is about to establish a system of registration and special care of all tubercular cases in the city. The supervising nurse is Miss F. R. Smithwick, a graduate of the Colorado Training School for Nurses, Denver, who has for three years been connected with the staff of the Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago.

COLORADO SPRINGS.—The Nurses' Registry Association held its regular meeting on Dec. 6th. Miss L. L. Hudson read a paper giving the history of the passage of the nurses' registration bill. The question of having a city hospital was brought up and a committee appointed to see what could be done towards starting an institution of this kind, which is much needed.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The annual business meeting of the Brooklyn Homœopathic Alumnae was held December 6th, when the officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Miss Combs (re-elected); vice-president, Miss Stella M. Healy; secretary, Miss Egan (re-elected); treasurer, Miss Moulton (re-elected); auditor, Miss Gulnac (re-elected). The Association has changed the dates of its meetings to the first Wednesday in March, June, September and December, the last named to be the regular business meeting.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Alumnae Association of the Metropolitan Training School, held its regular meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14th, at 686 Lexington Ave., regular business being transacted.

The entertainment committee has planned to give a reception and dance on Tuesday evening, January 23d, at the Leslie, 83d St. and Broadway.

It is hoped that all of the members will take an active interest in this reception and help to make it a grand success. Mrs. Agnes S. Ward, Assistant Superintendent of the Metropolitan Training School, gave a very interesting talk on her work as a missionary in West Africa.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 9th, 1906.

BOSTON, MASS.—On November 28th, the Alumnae Association of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital and the Children's Hospital, united for a course of Lectures on Social Science by Prof. Brackett, of Simmons College. The social hour following the first lecture was much enjoyed by the members of the two associations and invited guests.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Bellevue Alumnae held the second meeting of the season at the training school, November 16th. Twenty-three members were present and three new members admitted. A special meeting was called for December 7th, to vote on the revised Constitution and By-laws. The announcement was made of the death of Miss H. A. Shearer. After all business was transacted Mrs. Wheelock entertained by story telling.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The Alumnae Association of the Medico Chirurgical Hospital held a meeting on December 6th and officers were elected for the ensuing year. The report of the committee on the euchre and dance which was given November 22d for the fund to endow a free bed for sick members, was submitted and showed the affair to have been a great success both socially and financially.

PITTSBURG, PA.—The regular monthly business meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae of Western Pennsylvania Hospital followed by a bridge whist party was held at the home of Mrs. James Israel, 5816 Hayes Street, on Tuesday evening, December 5th, with Miss Nan Brinley as hostess.

The Alumnae is fortunate in having as members nurses who make the interests of the association their first consideration. A larger number than usual, however, were present on this occasion.

The nominating committee presented the ticket prepared for the election of officers at the annual meeting in January, and Miss Elizabeth Reed, chairman of the social committee, reported arrangements made for the annual ball to be given early in February.

Each member present felt that they had both an enjoyable and profitable evening.

MARRIAGES

NOVEMBER 9, 1905, at the Sacred Heart Church, Tumbet, Mass., Miss Katherine E. Reilly, Graduate of Morton Hospital, to Mr. John J. Carr. A pretty wedding breakfast was served at the house of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Carr will reside at 47 Hodges Ave.

On October 30, 1905, Miss Katherine Hestre Brown, of Pontiac, Mich., was married to Mr. Otto Uhlmann, of this city. Miss Brown is a graduate of Morton Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Uhlmann will be "at home" at No. 116 Broadway after November 15.

IN Baltimore, Md., Nov. 10, Eleanor V. Gildea, class 1905, University of Maryland, to Dr. James Mullan, U. S. N.

At Charleston, W. V., November 7, Miss Emma Power, of Charleston (Johns Hopkins, class of 1901), to Mr. Walter Edward Harris. At home after January 15, 1901 Eighteenth street N. W., Washington, D. C.

MISS C. E. THOMPSON, class '97 Johns Hopkins Hospital, was married October 10 from her father's home, Toronto, to Dr. K. L. Reid, of Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Reid was for the last five years superintendent of nurses at St. Luke's Hospital, St. Paul, Minn.

APRIL 15, 1905, by the Rev. Dr. Loos, of Philadelphia, at his residence, Miss Frances V. McCurdy, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Henry F. Nielsen, of New York. Mrs. Nielsen is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital Training School and is at present superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant (Pa.) Memorial Hospital. Mr. Nielsen is chief apothecary of the Out-Patient Department of Bellevue Hospital, New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen will reside in New York city.

BIRTHS

IN November, a son to Mrs. Ralph Tozean, Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Tozean was Miss Grace Flury, a graduate of the Cleveland Training School for Nurses, class 1903.

IN November, a son to Mrs. Castle, Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Castle was Miss J. Sinclair, a graduate of the Cleveland Training School for Nurses, Class 1903.

NOVEMBER 11, 1905, a daughter to Mrs. Arthur H. Bogart, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Bogart was Miss B. C. Turner, Methodist Episcopal Hospital, of Brooklyn, class 1901.

ON November 19, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Webster, of Calvary, Md. Mrs. Webster was formerly Miss Elizabeth Pinkerton, Johns Hopkins, class of '96.

OBITUARY

WHEREAS, In the death of Miss Nellie F. Wennstrom, an interested member of the Alumnae Association of the Long Island College Hospital Training School for Nurses, we recognize that a faithful worker, a noble woman, and an earnest Christian has gone home to her Father's house and to her glorious reward; be it

Resolved, That we, her sisters in the profession, rejoice in her great gain and that we strive to emulate all that was worthiest and best in her life and character;

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to her family and send them a copy of these resolutions;

Resolved, That a copy be sent also to the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and be placed upon the minutes of our Alumnae Association.

MOLLIE A. HOGE,
H. ELIZABETH BURDICH,
LUCY M. SARGENT,
Committee.

At the last meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Metropolitan Hospital Training School, New York City, announcement was made of the death of Millie E. Lingee, of the class of 1895.

Miss Lingee died of typhoid fever at Hahnemann Hospital, after an illness of two weeks. Her patience, thoughtfulness, and sweetness in her sufferings were made possible only as the culmination of a self-sacrificing, noble life, which had been spent in devotion to the interests of others and in daily communion with her heavenly father.

A committee was appointed and prepared the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, God in His infinite love and wisdom has seen fit to remove our beloved friend and co-worker; we, her associates, deeply mourn the loss to our Association, the nursing profession and her numerous friends.

Resolved, That the members of the Association desire to express deep sorrow for her death and to extend to her family their heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family and to the JOURNAL OF NURSING.

AGNES S. WARD,
VIRGINIA P. PEARSON,
MARY E. FREEL,
Committee.

November 17, 1905.

At a meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Rhode Island Hospital announcement was made of the death of Miss Annette E. Keys, class of 1903.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly father to take her unto Himself; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Association extend their sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and friends and furthermore be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, to the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING for publication, and be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

ANNIE L. BAMFORD,
BERTHA G. PERRY,
Committee.

THE Hartford Hospital Training School Alumnae Association learn with deep regret of the death of Miss Blanche Moray, September 18, 1905, at Manawa, Wis.

Miss Moray graduated with the class of 1904, and was one of the first members of the class to join the Alumnae Association. During her three years in training school and her short time as a graduate nurse, it can be truly said of Miss Moray: she was loyal to her friends, faithful to all her duties, and beloved by all with whom she came in contact.

WHEREAS, This Association has lost a faithful member and the nursing profession a most faithful nurse,

Resolved, That we send a copy of these resolutions to her bereaved family, expressing to them our heartfelt sympathy; a copy to the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and have said resolutions placed on the records of the Association.

(Signed) EDNA L. FOLEY,
President of Association;
MARTHA ELLIOT,
AGNES DONALD,
J. J. WHEELER.

DIED.—October 18, 1905, at Queensville, Ontario, of Tuberculosis, Mrs. Malcolm MacArthur nee Isabel Smith, class of 1901, Toronto General Hospital.

THE Alumnae Association of the New York Hospital announces the death of two of their members, Miss Edith S. Jenks and Miss Mary J. Hunter.

THE New York City Training School Alumnae announces the death of Mrs. Jane Coleman Penrey Demorest.
